



**Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board
77 South High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215**

Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, December 8, 2022

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Board President, Tammy H. Brown, held at 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, 31st Floor – Board Room.

Board Officers and Members – Roll Call:

Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member and Board President
Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member and Board Secretary

Lisa Dodge Burton, Public Member
Timothy A. Cross, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member
Steven M. Griffin, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Carol Hofbauer, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Nancy Mills, Au.D., Audiology Board Member
Michael R. Pratt, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member

Excused Absence:

Stephen M. White, Esq. Public Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Connie J. Allen, Board Investigator
Crystal Richie, Principal Assistant Attorney General

AGENDA

The agenda for the October 25, 2022, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

Dr. Mills moved to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Hofbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 25, 2022 board meetings were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Spangler moved to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2022 board meeting. Mr. Cross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Tammy Brown thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone happy holidays. She thanked Lisa Burton and Mr. Thornton for their teamwork with the Board's sunset review process. She also thanked the staff for their continued teamwork and hard work during the license renewal campaign.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. He provided updates regarding:

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events
- Legislative and media contacts
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2023
- Significant legislation; sunset review
- ASLP-IC Interstate Compact
- License renewal campaign
- Over-the-counter hearing aid FAQ
- Ohio Ethics Commission – Annual Ethics for Board Members and Staff

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Principal Assistant Attorney General Crystal Richie reported there were no legal issues or litigation involving the Board.

INVESTIGATIONS

A. BOARD ACTIONS

New Cases

There were no new cases presented for board action.

Previously Heard Cases

There were no previously heard cases presented to the Board for final action.

B. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT – Mrs. Connie Allen

Since the last Board Meeting October 25, 2022

OPENED Investigations		4
CLOSED Investigations		21
Current Open Investigations		94
Of the Current Open Investigations	Consumer Complaints	7
	Referral Complaints:	
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Current Open Cases Due to Monitoring	Consent Agreement(s)	15

	Non-reportable Consent(s)	2
	Adjudication Order(s)	0

Investigative Categories of the Current Open Investigations

Application Requirements Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	1
Continuing Education Violation and/or Self Report	75
Conviction	3
False or Misleading Advertisement	0
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Practicing Under an Expired License and CE Violation	1
Practice Under an Expired License and Supervision	0
Practicing Under an Expired License	3
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	0
Unlicensed Practice	0
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	12

Sub-Categories – Unprofessional Conduct Investigations

Documented Unrendered Services; Billing; IEP Minutes not Met	4
Failure to Disclose disciplinary action by Other Entity on original SHP application	1
Failure to follow appropriate hearing test procedures; Terminated	1
Hearing Aid and or Fee issues	1
Inaccurate Documentation for non-clinical intervention	1
Medical Leave and Services	1
Non-Parental Consent to Conduct Assessment	1
Terminated from Employment	1
Yes to Discipline since Last Renewal	1

OTHER UPDATES since the last Board Meeting October 25, 2022

Other Information, Enforcement Activities and/or Outcome of some of the previously CLOSED cases:

Educational Letters 13:

○ Continuing Education Violation	10
○ False or Misleading Advertisement	1
○ Unprofessional: Medical Leave & Services	1
Documented Unrendered Services	1

License Verification Letters 34

Previously Heard Cases

CO2021-16539, CO2021-16720, CO2021-17211

The above three cases involved a hearing aid fitter. The Board received a complaint from the licensee's employer alleging that appropriate hearing test procedures were not followed. The

Board's investigation found that hearing testing requirements and fitting protocols were not followed for several consumers in violation of the Board's rules on appropriate hearing test procedures. In addition, the investigation found that the licensee shortened the length of time for hearing tests and did not perform masking in violation of Board rules. The licensee was also terminated from employment for violating company policy. During the interview the licensee admitted to the allegations. Their license was issued November 2011.

At the October 25, 2022 meeting, the Board approved a Consent Agreement (Consent) for this licensee and to close the case upon the licensee accepting and completing the terms, e.g., complete and pass the Board's hearing aid fitter practical and laws and rules examination. The hearing aid fitter signed their Consent agreeing to the terms and conditions.

Scheduled Hearings

Currently there are no hearings scheduled for the remainder of 2022.

Continuing Education (CE) Audit 2019 – 2020

In August 2021, 460 licensees with an active license status were audited for their 2019-20 CE hours. The 460 comprise of ten percent audiologists, speech-language pathologists and hearing aid fitters, plus 17 prior disciplinary action cases. Ninety-nine percent of audits have been reviewed to completeness. The board member audits are also complete.

2022 Disciplinary Investigations Statistics to Date

Formal Actions Taken

Hearings	1
Adjudication Orders	1
Consent Agreements	16
Consent Agreements Non-Reportable	2
Consent Agreements Surrender of License	3
Referrals to Prosecutor	0
Referrals to Other Agencies	1

Category of Formal Actions Taken

Application Requirements Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	0
Continuing Education Violation	5
Conviction – Disqualifying Offense	1
False or Misleading Advertisement	0
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Illegal, Incompetent or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Practicing Under an Expired License and CE Violation	1
Practicing Under an Expired License and Supervision	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	9

Supervised Professional Experience Violations	0
Unlicensed Practice	0
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	6

Sub-Categories – Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

Failure to Disclose disciplinary action by Other Entity on original SHP application	1
Terminated from Employment	5

LICENSURE REPORT – Carrie Spangler

Motion #3

Dr. Spangler moved ratify the Audiology, Hearing Aid Dealers, Hearing Aid Fitters, Hearing Aid Satellites, Conditional Speech-Language Pathology, Speech-Language Pathology, Aides, and Trainee Permit licenses granted by the Executive Director since the last Board Meeting. Dr. Mills seconded the motion. Mr. Griffin noted that he knew one of the licensees and consequently abstained from ratifying the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology license for Rylee Stiverson. The motion passed unanimously.

License: Number	Issue Date	Applicant Full Name
TP.11321	10/20/2022	Maximilian Simpson
SP.15150	10/20/2022	Deidra Nicole Darst
COND.20222239-SP	10/20/2022	Jenna Elaine Federico
AIDE.10156-A	10/20/2022	Jack Russell Mashburn
SP.15151	10/20/2022	Hannah Mae Lucchitti
SP.15152	10/26/2022	Hannah M. Logan
IL.03474	10/26/2022	Katie Arthur
IL.03473	10/26/2022	Kendra Sue Elaine Magnuson
A.02420	10/26/2022	Mitzie Slayden
TP.11322	10/28/2022	Christine Gayle Walters
TP.11323	10/28/2022	Megan E Mavris
SP.15154	10/28/2022	Jordan Alexis Conn
SP.15153	10/28/2022	Elizabeth Nicole Zachman
SP.15156	10/31/2022	Stephanie Sanders
SP.15155	10/31/2022	Stephanie Walsh
SP.15157	10/31/2022	Heather Ann Crew
SP.03682	10/31/2022	Brenda Sue Rogerson
SP.15158	10/31/2022	Haneen Hamed
TP.11325	11/1/2022	Lisa Korossy
SP.15160	11/1/2022	Alexis Lynn Heideman
TP.11324	11/1/2022	Stephen Christopher Renuart
SP.15161	11/2/2022	Bronson Lee Best
SP.15163	11/2/2022	Nikki Demery Smith
SP.15164	11/2/2022	Lauren Juliana Menelle
SP.15162	11/2/2022	Ginger Marie Nolan
TP.11326	11/2/2022	Kerry Margaret Formoso
SP.15165	11/7/2022	Alora Rose Contant

SP.15166	11/8/2022	Elaine McVicker Dahm
SP.15167	11/8/2022	Rebecca Michelle Jordan
SP.15170	11/10/2022	Cassie Marilyn Uebbing
TP.11327	11/10/2022	H John Abilay
SP.15169	11/10/2022	Savanah R Aranda
TP.11328	11/10/2022	Tiffany Leggett
SP.15168	11/10/2022	Jennifer Maldonado
SP.15171	11/15/2022	Kendra Shehy
COND.20222240-SP	11/15/2022	Rylee Stiverson
SP.15172	11/15/2022	Kristen Arnold
SP.15175	11/18/2022	Michelle Renee Rivera
SP.15173	11/18/2022	Jessica Jones
COND.20222241-SP	11/18/2022	Jamie M Brod
SP.15174	11/18/2022	Cassidy Jane Wolff
SP.15176	11/18/2022	MaryBeth Christina Freitas
IL.03477	11/18/2022	Robert Wilkinson
IL.03476	11/18/2022	Caron Deaton
TP.11329	11/18/2022	Scott Michael Swansiger
SP.15177	11/21/2022	Mary Katherine Maldonado
SP.15178	11/22/2022	Ashley Marie Cochran
TEMP.00054-SP	11/22/2022	Kayleigh Harrington
TP.11330	11/22/2022	Cameron Brewer
SP.15179	11/22/2022	Sade Johnson
A.02421	11/29/2022	Sherry Lynn Miller
AIDE.10158-A	11/30/2022	Paula Lynn Fekety
A.02422	11/30/2022	April Kimberlin Victoria
SP.15183	11/30/2022	Emily Kuzilla
SP.15181	11/30/2022	Jacquelyn Jarachovic
AIDE.10014-SP	11/30/2022	Amy Luelleman
SP.15182	11/30/2022	Amanda Metzger
SP.15180	11/30/2022	Michelle Lynn Lizer
AIDE.10157-A	11/30/2022	Johnetta Washington

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

None

LICENSING SUMMARY

Audiology	1,158
Audiology Aide	91
Conditional Speech-Language Pathology	381
Dual – Audiology and Speech-Language	27
Hearing Aid Dealers	233
Hearing Aid Satellites	411
Hearing Aid Fitters	432
Inactive Audiology	50
Inactive Speech-Language Pathology	289
Speech-Language Pathology	8,467
Speech-Language Pathology Aide	6
Trainee Permit Holders	56
<u>TOTAL</u>	11,601
License Renewals as of 11/30/2022	3,728

BOARD BUSINESS

A. Poll Board Members for 2023 Reappointments

The following board members whose terms are ending on March 22, 2023 were polled to determine if they intend to apply for reappointment.

Steve Griffin - Yes

Nancy Mills - Yes

Michael Pratt - Yes

B. Board Meeting Dates, Elections and Committee Assignments for 2023

The Board set the following meeting dates for 2023. (Note: the meeting location will be the Vern Riffe building, 31st Floor Board Room, located at 77 S. High Street; Columbus, OH 43215.

Board Meeting Dates for 2023

January 27th at 9:30 a.m. (Friday)

March 16th at 9:30 a.m. (Thursday)

May 9th at 9:30 a.m. (Tuesday)

June 8th at 9:30 a.m. (Thursday)

August 9th at 9:30 a.m. (Wednesday)

October 26th at 9:30 a.m. (Thursday)

December 8th at 9:30 a.m. (Friday)

Election of Board Officers

The Board discussed the board officer positions and duties, and the procedures for the election of board officers. Dr. Spangler presided over the election of the board president. Dr. Mills moved to nominate Ms. Brown as board president for 2023. Mr. Cross seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The Board voted unanimously to elect Tammy Brown as Board President for 2023.

Ms. Brown presided over the election of the board secretary. Mr. Cross moved to nominate Dr. Spangler as board secretary for 2023. Mr. Pratt seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The Board voted unanimously to elect Carrie Spangler as Board Secretary for 2023.

After conferring with board members, Ms. Brown made the following committee assignments for 2023:

Rules Committee – 2023

Michael Pratt, Chair (HAS)
Nancy Mills, (AUD)
Steve Griffin, (SLP)
Lisa Burton, (Public)
Board President
Board Executive Director

Professional Competency Committee – 2023

Carrie Spangler, Chair (AUD)
Tim Cross, (HAS)
Carol Hofbauer, (SLP)
Stephen White, (Public)
Board President
Board Executive Director

Investigative Review Group – 2023

Michael Pratt, Chair and (HAS)
Nancy Mills (AUD Consultant)
Steve Griffin (SLP Consultant)
Board Investigator
Board Executive Director
Assistant Attorney General

Policy and Procedure Committee – 2023

Board President, Chair
Executive Director
Lisa Burton (Public)

Review Committee January - June 2023

Carrie Spangler (AUD applications)
Steve Griffin (SLP applications)
Michael Pratt (HAS applications)

Review Committee July - December 2023

Nancy Mills (AUD applications)

Carol Hofbauer (SLP applications)

Tim Cross (HAS applications)

CORRESPONDENCE

There is no board correspondence.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no members from the public or professional organizations in attendance.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Dr. Spangler noted concern about the Newborn Infant and Hearing Subcommittee with the Ohio Department of Health. The last several UNHS meetings were cancelled due to not having a quorum, resulting in a lack of consistent updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Tammy H. Brown, Board President

Date: January 27, 2023



Carrie L. Spangler, Board Secretary

Date: January 27, 2023



Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date: January 27, 2023